



Congressional District #2

Endangered Species: Sandplain Gerardia
Roseate Tern

Threatened Species: Piping Plover
Seabeach Amaranth

Recovery Update: Roseate terns are declining along the Atlantic Coast due to loss of island nesting habitat and predation. Black-backed gulls have driven roseate terns from preferred nesting sites, and erosion has taken its toll on others. Alternative nesting sites render adults and their eggs and chicks more vulnerable to predation. Recovery efforts have focused on creating alternative nesting sites and protecting existing nesting sites from disturbance.

Seabeach amaranth has declined due to loss of barrier beach sites that once harbored seed banks. Its recovery depends on protecting plants to allow for seed production and dispersal to habitat suitable for natural reproduction.

Sandplain gerardia has declined due to increased development and degradation of the sparsely vegetated sandplain habitat it requires. Its recovery depends on preserving existing colonies and protecting suitable habitat.

The piping plover population has declined from loss of beach habitat due to development and increased recreational use. Its recovery depends on protecting nesting populations from human intrusions and preserving existing habitat.